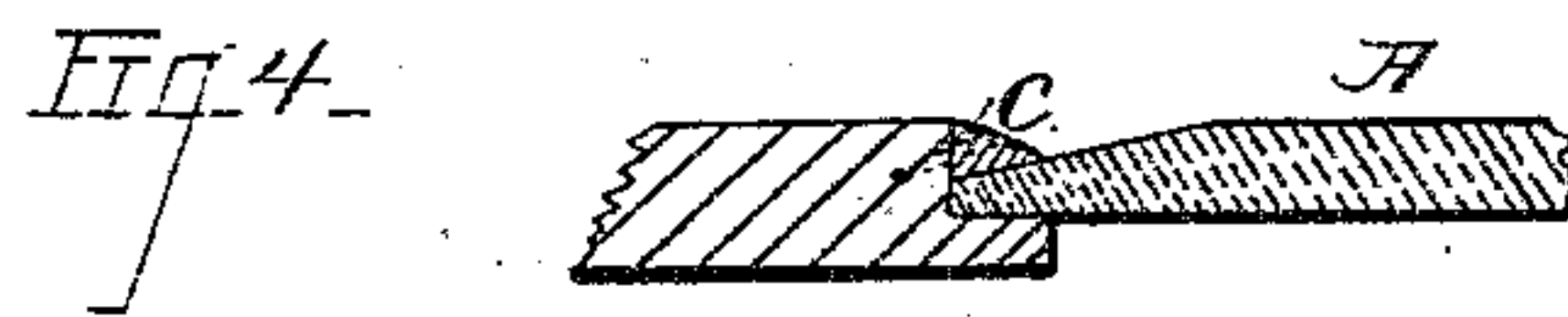
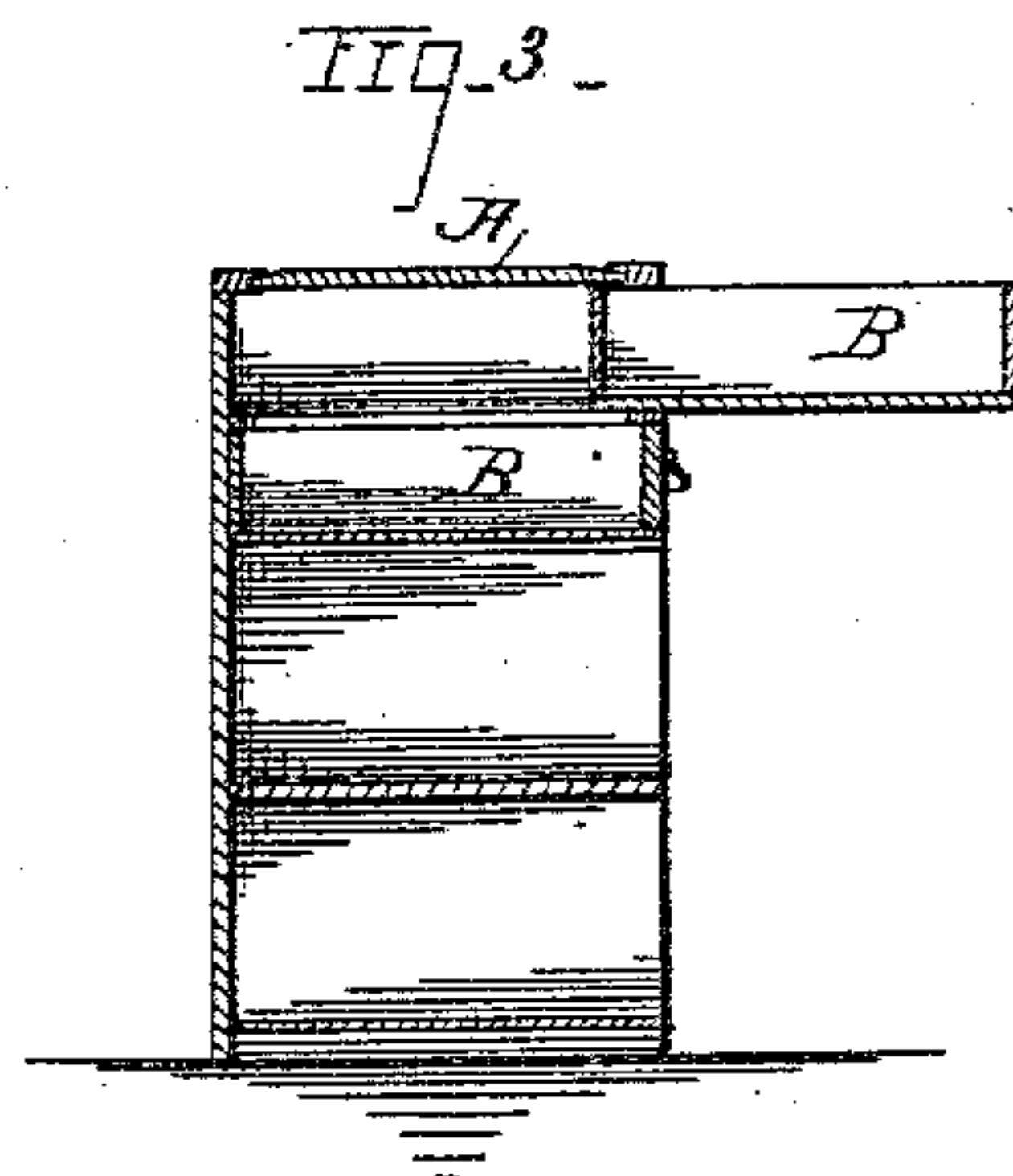
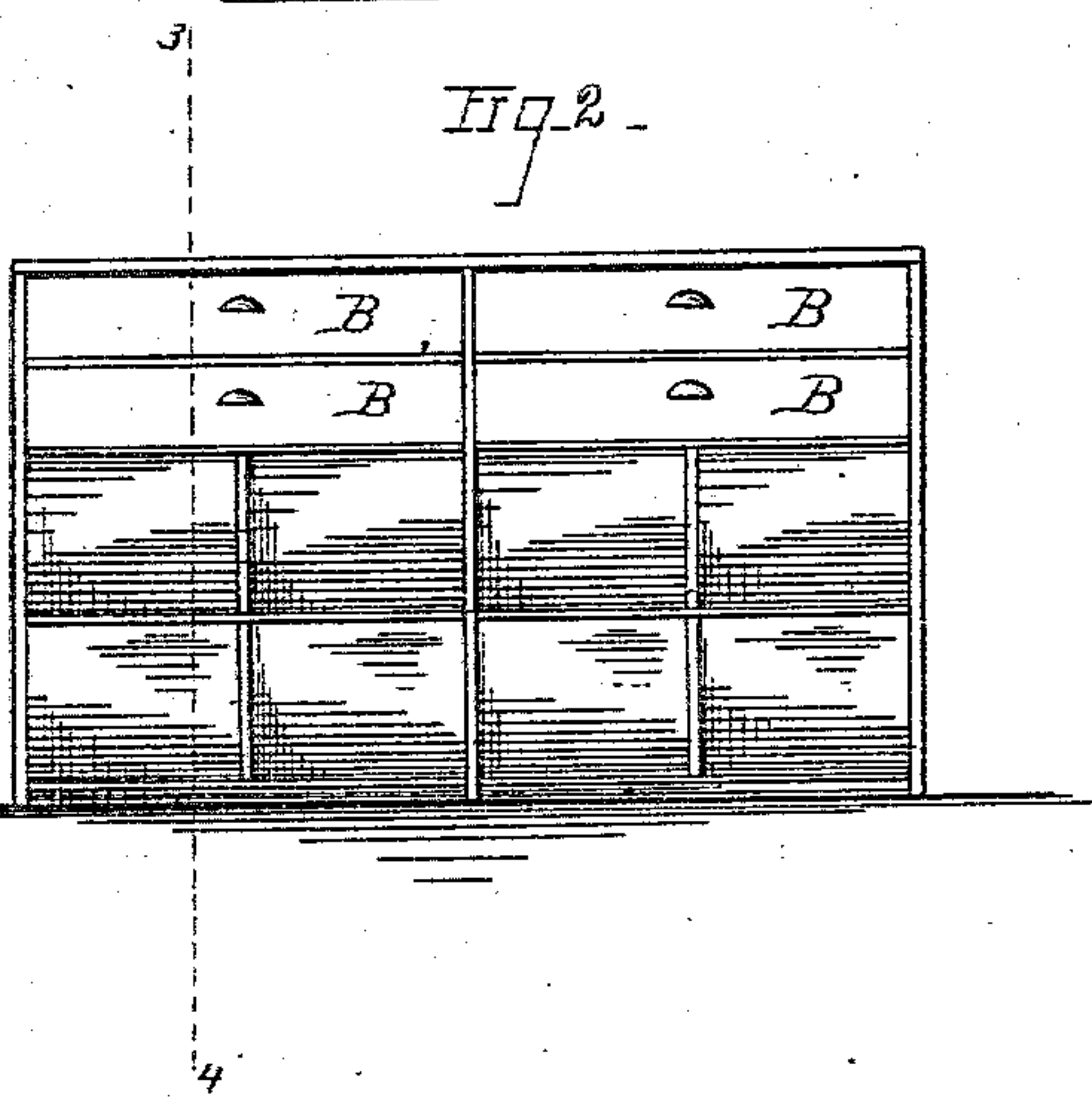
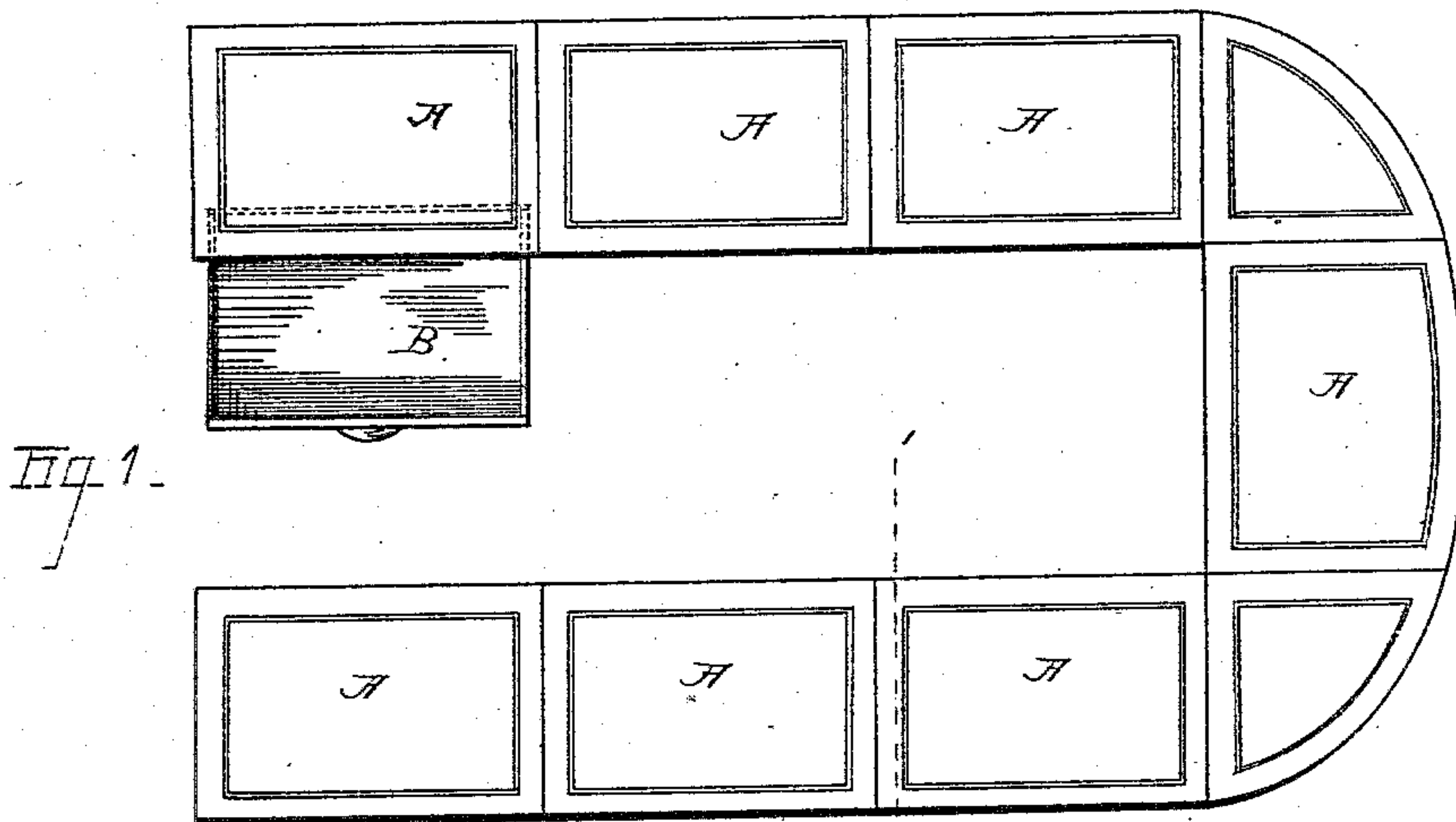


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FRANK G. BUFFORD, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of the city, county, and State of New York, have
5 invented a new and useful Improvement in Show Cases and Counters; and I do hereby declare that the following is a clear, full, and exact description of the construction and use of the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings and the letters of reference
10 thereon, which form a part of this specification.

My invention consists in an improvement in show cases and counters, the top of the counter being composed of a series of panes of glass
15 superimposed above tiers of drawers, so as to disclose the contents therein. When the drawers are closed, the contents of the upper drawer only are seen through the glass top. When the
20 upper drawer is withdrawn, the contents of the drawer next below may be inspected through the glass top, and so on.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a top view of one form of my show case and
25 counter, A representing the panes of glass in the top of the show case and counter, and B representing one drawer withdrawn, so as to disclose the contents of the drawer next below. Fig. 2 is a plan view of a section of the show
30 case and counter on the dotted line 1 2 of Fig. 1, the letters B representing the drawers and showing their arrangement. Fig. 3 is a vertical transverse section on the lines 3 4 of Fig. 2, illustrating the upper drawer, B, withdrawn
35 for the purpose of permitting the contents of the lower drawer to be inspected through the

glass top A; and Fig. 4 is a detached enlarged sectional view, showing the method of securing the edges of the glass A to its surrounding frame, C representing a triangular strip, of
40 wood or other like material, used for this purpose. This triangular strip C is secured to the frame and forms the rabbet which secures the edges of the glass panes in the frame.

The utility and novelty of my invention are
45 apparent from the following considerations: First, by the aid of my show case and counter articles of merchandise—such as prints, engravings, picture, Christmas, and advertising cards, fancy textile fabrics, fancy fruits, jewelry, and cutlery, and all other small articles
50 of merchandise—may be exhibited to purchasers with a much greater degree of uniformity than heretofore; second, it saves the time of the salesman, prevents the soiling of goods
55 from frequent handling, and preserves for them a more presentable appearance than when exhibited in the usual way.

What I claim as my invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—
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An improvement in show cases and counters, consisting in the top surface composed of a series of panes of glass superimposed above tiers of two or more drawers, so that by withdrawing the upper drawer the contents of the
65 next lower drawer may be inspected through the glass top, substantially as and for the purposes described.

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